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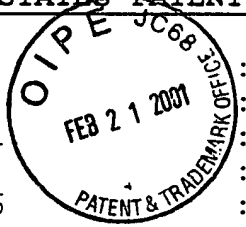
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IN NETWORKING APPLICATIONS



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TRANSMITTAL

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Corrected Application Papers and Return Receipt Postcard.

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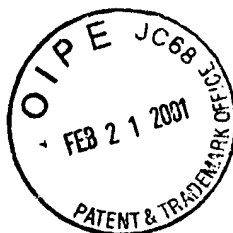


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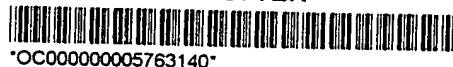
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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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